Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5891–S5991

Measures Introduced: Fifty-six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2616–2671, S. Res. 338–340, and S. Con. Res. 13.   **Pages S5930–32**

Measures Passed:

Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act: Senate passed S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5985–87**

Schatz (for Murray/Burr) Amendment No. 2622, relative to review of program effectiveness.
     Page S5986

RENACER Act: Senate passed S. 1041, to advance the strategic alignment of United States diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.
     Pages S5987–89

Taiwan WHO: Senate passed S. 812, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization.   **Pages S5989–90**

Study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1031, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed.   **Page S5990**

PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1448, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy, and to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments, and the bill was then passed.   **Page S5990**

Measures Considered:

Invest in America Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:
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Pending:

Schumer (for Sinema) Amendment No. 2137, in the nature of a substitute.   **Page S5894**

Carper/Capito Amendment No. 2131 (to Amendment No. 2137), to strike a definition.   **Page S5894**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Schumer (for Sinema) Amendment No. 2137 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, August 7, 2021.   **Pages S5922–23**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Schumer (for Sinema) Amendment No. 2137.
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Saturday, August 7, 2021; that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be at 11:15 a.m.; and the deadline for second-degree amendments be at 11:45 a.m.   **Page S5991**

Lee Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Eunice C. Lee, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.   **Page S5923**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 308), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.   **Page S5923**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination be yielded back, and that notwithstanding Rule

XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, not before Saturday, August 7, 2021.   **Pages S5922–23**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert Peter Silvers, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security.

                   Pages S5918–19, S5926

Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years.

Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment).

Kathleen S. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.   **Page S5923**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Mary Katherine Dimke, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Beth Robinson, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Charlotte N. Sweeney, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—308)   **Page S5923**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021 and adjourned at 12:18 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021, until 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5991.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Homer L. Wilkes, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, David Uejio, of California, and Solomon Jeffrey Greene, of the District of Columbia, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOE'S OFFICE OF SCIENCE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of and programs within the Department of Energy's Office of Science, after receiving testimony from J. Stephen Binkley, Acting Director, Office of Science, and Thomas Zacharia, Director, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; and Edward Seidel, University of Wyoming, Laramie.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOMESTIC TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine domestic terrorism and violent extremism, focusing on